

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

Please add Claim 9.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6 – (canceled)

7. (currently amended) The method of securing a fitment to a package including the steps of:

providing package wall material including first and second edges of said material;

providing [[a]] , from a source, said fitment with relatively thin walls from a source with a thickness of less than 0.035 inches;

engaging said fitment with a heated mandrel thereby warming said fitment;

inserting said fitment between said first and second edges of said material;

closing the outer sealing jaws onto the first and second edges of said material with said fitment engaged on [[a]] said heated mandrel; and

sealing said fitment to a portion of said first and second edges.

8. (original) The method of securing a fitment of claim 7 wherein said heated mandrel heats said fitment to a temperature between substantially 20-30°F below a softening point of the material of said fitments.

9. (new) The method of Claim 7 wherein said fitment has walls with a thickness of less than 0.020 inches.